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1. [redacted] the following coal stocks, expressed in days requirements, were available to the East German railroads between 20 and 30 April 1954:

Railroad District	Date in April 20	21	22	23	24/25
Berlin	5.6	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.4
Greifswald	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.4
Schwerin	5.5	6.1	7.3	7.0	6.7
Magdeburg	6.4	6.0	6.0	5.4	6.0
Halle	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.0	6.3
Erfurt	5.9	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.3
Dresden	5.9	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.6
Cottbus	6.9	7.2	7.0	7.0	7.5
Total Average	6.1	5.9	6.2	5.1	6.1

Railroad District	26	27	28	29	30
Berlin	4.4	4.1	4.5		
Greifswald	7.2	7.8	8.5		
Schwerin	6.3	6.9	6.7		
Magdeburg	6.3	6.4	6.4		
Halle	6.5	6.3	6.4		
Erfurt	5.5	5.7	5.8		
Dresden	5.5	5.4	5.4		
Cottbus	7.2	7.3	6.3		
Total Average	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.1

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2. [redacted] the following coal stocks (in tons) were available to the East German railroads between 20 April and 4 May:

Date in April	Coal for Locomotives Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	Shop Coal in Terms of Briquette Units
20	54,300	40,100	25,600
22	50,700	43,400	24,800
24	50,700	42,300	24,400
26	53,000	42,000	24,200
28	58,200	40,100	23,900
30	61,300	39,500	22,200
May			
2	65,900	38,900	21,900
4	70,700	35,900	22,700

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3. In April 1954, the daily coal consumption quota was fixed at 19,672 tons of briquette units. The following actual coal consumption between 20 April and 5 May was determined:

Date in April	Tons
20	20,140
21	20,920
22	20,530
23	21,050
24	20,425
25	20,425
26	20,660
27	20,730
28	20,360
29	21,250
30	20,220
May	
1	18,140
2	18,140
3	18,770
4	19,770
5	20,100

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4. The locomotive performance and daily coal consumption quota for May 1954 was fixed as follows:

a. Planned locomotive performance: 9,533 million-ton/km
b. Total coal consumption (9,533 x 59,642 (specific coal consumption)) 568,566 tons of briquette units
c. Daily coal consumption: 18,341 tons of briquette units

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5. The following shop coal consumption quotas were effective 1 April 1954:

Railroad District	Tons
Berlin	300
Greifswald	40
Schwerin	50
Magdeburg	100
Halle	300
Erfurt	160
Dresden	300
Cottbus	50
Total	1,200 Tons

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] In late April, coal stocks increased by 0.2 days' requirements to a total of 6.4 days' requirements. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. As 70,700 tons of hard coal represent 106,050 tons of briquette units, a total of 141,950 tons of briquette units was available on 4 May 1954. According to the daily coal consumption quota of 18,341 tons of briquette units fixed for May, coal stocks represented 7.74 days' requirements. 25X1 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The daily coal consumption quota of 19,672 tons of briquette units was exceeded by about 1,000 tons daily in April, probably because of unusually cold weather and increased traffic. 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. The new method of fixing the daily locomotive coal consumption quota was introduced on 1 April 1954. [redacted] coal consumption of 59,642 tons of briquette units per million-ton/km has been fixed as a constant. The May consumption quota of 18,341 tons of briquette units appears very low. During the first days of May, the consumption quota had already been surpassed. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

5. [redacted] Comment. The consumption quota for shop coal was fixed at 1,000 tons of briquette units in February and March 1954. [redacted] The reduction of this quota was announced previously. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

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